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IRS Provides Tax Advice But Not Free Parking

The Internal Revenue Service is quite happy to help you file your income tax return at its office in the Hickman Building, 248 Madison, but don't ask them for a refund on your parking lot fee.

IRS officials said yesterday they had to make this clear to one Memphis housewife who came in for help and then asked where she would find the dead to have her parking lot ticket stamped.

The IRS officials explained the Federal Government isn't in quite the same position as the downtown merchants.

That was just one of the oddities the tax collectors have run into as taxpayers approach the April 15 deadline most of them must meet.

One woman called the office and informed the tax men she didn't think the Federal Government ought to pay Francis Gary Powers, the pilot of the ill-fated U-2 plane, the \$50,000 owed him under his contract with the Central Intelligence Agency. Then she hung up.

Wives will be happy to know the IRS does not consider them dependents. They are exemp-

tions for their husbands, but not dependents.

The distinction is important because a wife who earns less than \$600 and files a separate return is lost to her husband as an exemption on his return. A student or child under 19 who earns more than \$600 should file a separate return if he has a refund due him. His father still can claim him as a dependent, if he has provided a major part of the child's support.

Anyone whose income is solely from Social Security or railroad retirement does not need to file a return, no matter how much the retirement benefits.

Other people who are getting retirement income from such things as rents, dividends or other sources can check with the IRS to see if they may qualify for a retirement income credit, too.